GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1732
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POCSO Courts
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the working of POCSO Courts dealing with crimes against children are upto the desired level;

(b) if so, the number of cases pending in these courts in each State as on date;

(c) whether these courts have the qualified personnel and adequate infrastructure to deal with such sensitive cases; and

(d) the total number of courts set-up/designated for cases of crimes against children established under POCSO Act, 2012?

Answer

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW & JUSTICE AND
ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY)

(a)& (b): The working and control of POCSO Courts dealing with crimes against children come within the purview of respective High Courts. They have comprehensive, exclusive and effective control of such courts. -The working assessment of POCSO Courts is not done centrally. However, a State/UT-wise statement indicating the number of cases pending is enclosed as Annexure, as per data received from National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR).
(c) & (d): For dealing with such sensitive cases/cases of crimes against children 459 Special Public Prosecutors have been appointed, 727 Special Juvenile Police Units and 591 Special Courts/Children Courts in 694 districts have been set up across the country as per information received from NCPCR. This data excludes Jammu & Kashmir where Commissions for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005 is not applicable. Development of adequate infrastructure facilities for judiciary is within the jurisdiction of the State Governments. However, in order to augment the resources of the State Governments, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Development of Infrastructure Facilities for Judiciary is under implementation which central assistance is provided to the State Governments for the construction of court buildings and residential units. On receipt of the complete proposals from the State Governments including utilization certificates against the funds sanctioned earlier, necessary financial assistance is provided to the State Governments in accordance with the guidelines of the scheme.
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Annexure
State/UT-wise details of cases pending in the Special Courts/Children Courts under the POCSO Act, 2012 as on 20.07.2017
Sr. No. States / UTs Number of cases pending
1. Andhra Pradesh 447
2. Arunachal Pradesh *
3. Assam 709
4. Bihar 950
5. Chhattisgarh 347
6. Goa Nil
7. Gujarat 77
8. Haryana 124
9. Himachal Pradesh 186
10. Jammu & Kashmir POCSO Act is not applicable
11. Jharkhand *
12. Karnataka *
13. Kerala 3991
14. Madhya Pradesh 1241
15. Maharashtra 12,990
16. Manipur Nil
17. Meghalaya 170
18. Mizoram Nil
19. Nagaland 14
20. Odisha 233
21. Punjab 118

22. Rajasthan 3828
23. Sikkim Nil
24. Tamil Nadu 556
25. Telangana 130
26. Tripura Nil
27. Uttar Pradesh 890
28. Uttarakhand 4
29. West Bengal 283
30. A & N Islands 68
31. Chandigarh UT Nil
32. D & N Haveli Nil
33. Daman & Diu Nil
34. Delhi UT 202
35. Lakshadweep Nil
36. Puducherry Nil
Total: 27,558

* Details not received